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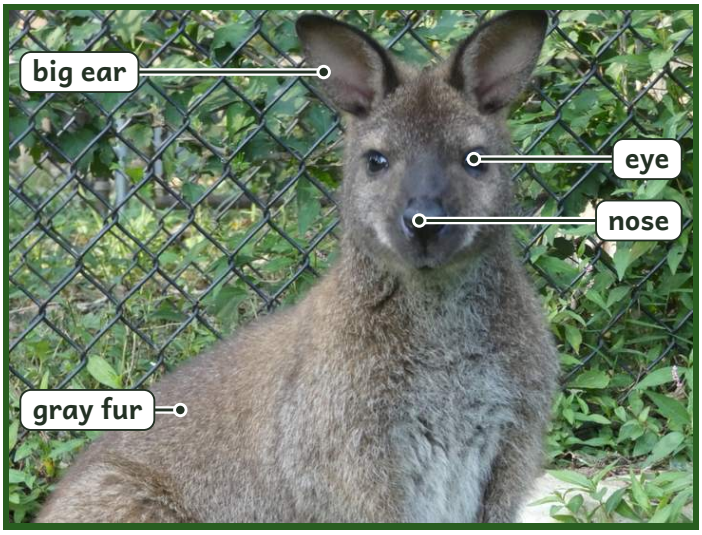
RED-NECKED WALLABY

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GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



A wallaby at our zoo.

Its body

It has strong back legs.
Its long tail helps it balance.
Its fur is gray and brown.
Its neck is a little red.

Its home (habitat)

It lives in Australia.
It lives in forests.
Wallabies live at our zoo.



Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats grass and herbs.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby wallaby is a **joey**.
A new joey is tiny.
It crawls into its mother's **pouch**.
It stays there about 280 days.

Fun facts

A group is called a **mob**!
It licks its arms to cool off.
It uses its tail when it walks.

Words to know

joey: a baby wallaby
mob: a group of wallabies
pouch: a pocket on a mother's belly

Talk about it

1. Where does a joey grow?
2. How does a wallaby use its tail?
3. How does a wallaby cool off?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/red-necked-wallaby/ · **Sources:** Plumpton Park Zoo; Animal Diversity Web; Smithsonian National Zoo
Supports Maryland and Delaware (NGSS) and Pennsylvania (STEELS) standards: K-LS1-1 (3.1.K.A) · 1-LS1-2 (3.1.1.B)
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RED-NECKED WALLABY

Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. A baby wallaby is a joey. **YES** **NO**
2. A joey grows in a nest. **YES** **NO**
3. A group is called a mob. **YES** **NO**
4. A wallaby eats meat. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ big ears
- ☐ pouch
- ☐ long tail
- ☐ strong legs
- ☐ nose
- ☐ a joey

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · hopping · resting · walking

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw a wallaby with a joey in its pouch.

Draw here

A wallaby has a _____

I learned that _____

ADJUST IT Kindergarten: read everything aloud; children talk and draw, and an adult writes their words. **Grade 2:** children read page 1 on their own. **Grades 3–5:** use the regular red-necked wallaby sheet on Teacher Resources. **Second source:** read about this animal in your class database or a library book too, then ask what both said and what was new. **No zoo trip?** Check off what you can find in the photo on page 1. **Answers:** 1 yes, 2 no, 3 yes, 4 no.

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